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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: BECHTEL PROBLEM IN VENEZUELA

(1) DURING COURSE OF CALL ON INGENIERO LYON LUCHESSI OF THE INSTITUTO AUTONOMO ADMINISTRACION DE FERROCARRILES DEL ESTADO-IAAFE (RAILROAD INSTITUTE) TO REVIEW THE BIDDING ON THE RAILROAD PROJECT, INGENIERO LYON REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO BECHTEL'S PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION.

(2) LYON STATED THAT BECHTEL HAD BEEN DENOUNCED BY UNKNOWN SOURCES. LYON POINTED TO AN ARTICLE IN THE SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 ISSUE OF THE WASHINGTON POST REGARDING THE HOUSE INVESTIGATION OF BECHTEL'S SUPERVISION AND CERTIFICATION OF WELDS ON THE ALASKA PIPELINE.

(3) LYON HAS MANAGED TO STALL ANY INVESTIGATION AND HAS REQUESTED BECHTEL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HOWEVER, HE FEARS THAT IF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REACHES THE PRESIDENT'S DESK, BECHTEL WILL BE EXPELLED FROM VENEZUELA. BECHTEL NOT ONLY IS PERFORMING TECHNICAL ANALYSIS ON THE RAILROAD BIDS (CONTRACT NOT YET SIGNED) BUT ALSO IN THE PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, TUDOR, BECHTEL WORK ON THE SUBWAY
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AND ON THE GURI DAM PROJECT.

(4) ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED SUPPLY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE AND WHICH EMBASSY CAN PASS ON AS INFORMATION TO LYON LUCHESSI. WE, OF COURSE, WILL EXPLAIN TO LYON THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES OF BECHTEL'S BONAFIDES,

ESPECIALLY IF THIS MATTER NOW IS IN LITIGATION IN US COURTS.

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